

# Dimensions of Crystalline Graded Rings

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## Abstract

The global dimension of a ring governs many useful abilities. For example, it is semi-simple if the global dimension is 0, hereditary if it is 1 and so on. We will calculate the global dimension of a Crystalline Graded Ring, as defined in the paper by E. Nauwelaerts and F. Van Oystaeyen, [10]. We will apply this to derive a condition for the Crystalline Graded Ring to be semiprime. In the last section, we give a little bit of attention to the Krull-dimension.

## 1 Preliminaries

### Definition 1.1 *Pre-Crystalline Graded Ring*

Let  $A$  be an associative ring with unit  $1_A$ . Let  $G$  be an arbitrary group. Consider an injection  $u : G \rightarrow A$  with  $u_e = 1_A$ , where  $e$  is the neutral element of  $G$  and  $u_g \neq 0$ ,  $\forall g \in G$ . Let  $R \subset A$  be an associative ring with  $1_R = 1_A$ . We consider the following properties:

- (C1)  $A = \bigoplus_{g \in G} Ru_g$ .
- (C2)  $\forall g \in G$ ,  $Ru_g = u_g R$  and this is a free left  $R$ -module of rank 1.
- (C3) The direct sum  $A = \bigoplus_{g \in G} Ru_g$  turns  $A$  into a  $G$ -graded ring with  $R = A_e$ .

We call a ring  $A$  fulfilling these properties a **Pre-Crystalline Graded Ring**.

**Proposition 1.2** *With conventions and notation as in Definition 1.1:*

1. For every  $g \in G$ , there is a set map  $\sigma_g : R \rightarrow R$  defined by:  $u_g r = \sigma_g(r) u_g$  for  $r \in R$ . The map  $\sigma_g$  is in fact a surjective ring morphism. Moreover,  $\sigma_e = \text{Id}_R$ .
2. There is a set map  $\alpha : G \times G \rightarrow R$  defined by  $u_g u_h = \alpha(g, h) u_{gh}$  for  $g, h \in G$ . For any triple  $g, h, t \in G$  the following equalities hold:

$$\alpha(g, h) \alpha(gh, t) = \sigma_g(\alpha(h, t)) \alpha(g, ht), \quad (1)$$

$$\sigma_g(\sigma_h(r)) \alpha(g, h) = \alpha(g, h) \sigma_{gh}(r). \quad (2)$$

3.  $\forall g \in G$  we have the equalities  $\alpha(g, e) = \alpha(e, g) = 1$  and  $\alpha(g, g^{-1}) = \sigma_g(\alpha(g^{-1}, g))$ .

### Proof

See [10]. □

**Proposition 1.3** *Notation as above, the following are equivalent:*

1.  $R$  is  $S(G)$ -torsionfree.
2.  $A$  is  $S(G)$ -torsionfree.
3.  $\alpha(g, g^{-1})r = 0$  for some  $g \in G$  implies  $r = 0$ .
4.  $\alpha(g, h)r = 0$  for some  $g, h \in G$  implies  $r = 0$ .
5.  $Ru_g = u_g R$  is also free as a right  $R$ -module with basis  $u_g$  for every  $g \in G$ .
6. for every  $g \in G$ ,  $\sigma_g$  is bijective hence a ring automorphism of  $R$ .

### Proof

See [10]. □

**Definition 1.4** *Any  $G$ -graded ring  $A$  with properties (C1), (C2), (C3), and which is  $G(S)$ -torsionfree is called a **crystalline graded ring**. In case  $\alpha(g, h) \in Z(R)$ , or equivalently  $\sigma_{gh} = \sigma_g \sigma_h$ , for all  $g, h \in G$ , then we say that  $A$  is **centrally crystalline**.*

**Lemma 1.5** *Let  $R \overset{\sigma, \alpha}{\diamond} G$  be a pre-crystalline graded ring,  $x \in R$ ,  $g, h \in G$ .*

*$R$  is a domain, and define  $K$  to be the quotient field of  $R$ . Then*

1.  $u_g^{-1} = u_{g^{-1}} \alpha^{-1}(x, x^{-1}) = \alpha^{-1}(x^{-1}, x) u_{x^{-1}}.$
2.  $\sigma_g^{-1}(x) u_g^{-1} = u_g^{-1} x.$
3.  $\sigma_{hg}^{-1}[\alpha(h, g)] = \sigma_g^{-1}[\sigma_h^{-1}(\alpha(h, g))].$
4.  $\sigma_g^{-1}[\alpha(g, g^{-1}h)] = \alpha^{-1}(g^{-1}, h) \sigma_g^{-1}[\alpha(g, g^{-1})].$

**Proof**

(inverses are defined in  $K$  or  $K \overset{\sigma, \alpha}{\diamond} G$ )

1. Just calculate the product and use that in an associative ring the left and right inverse coincide.
2. Let  $g, h \in G, x \in A$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sigma_g[\sigma_h(x)] \alpha(g, h) = \alpha(g, h) \sigma_{gh}(x) \\
 \Rightarrow & \sigma_g[\sigma_{g^{-1}}(x)] \alpha(g, g^{-1}) = \alpha(g, g^{-1}) x \\
 \Rightarrow & \sigma_{g^{-1}}(x) \sigma_g^{-1}(\alpha(g, g^{-1})) = \sigma_{g^{-1}}(\alpha(g, g^{-1})) \sigma_g^{-1}(x) \\
 \Rightarrow & \sigma_g^{-1}(x) = \sigma_g^{-1}[\alpha^{-1}(g, g^{-1})] \sigma_{g^{-1}}(x) \sigma_g^{-1}[\alpha(g, g^{-1})].
 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_g^{-1}(x) u_g^{-1} &= \sigma_g^{-1}[\alpha^{-1}(g, g^{-1})] \sigma_{g^{-1}}(x) \sigma_g^{-1}[\alpha(g, g^{-1})] \alpha^{-1}(g^{-1}, g) u_{g^{-1}} \\
 &= \sigma_g^{-1}[\alpha^{-1}(g, g^{-1})] \sigma_{g^{-1}}(x) \alpha(g^{-1}, g) \alpha^{-1}(g^{-1}, g) u_{g^{-1}} \\
 &= \sigma_g^{-1}[\alpha^{-1}(g, g^{-1})] \sigma_{g^{-1}}(x) u_{g^{-1}} \\
 &= \sigma_g^{-1}[\alpha^{-1}(g, g^{-1})] u_{g^{-1}} x \\
 &= \alpha^{-1}(g, g^{-1}) u_{g^{-1}} x \\
 &= u_g^{-1} x.
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Let  $g, h \in G, x \in A$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sigma_h[\sigma_g(x)] \alpha(h, g) = \alpha(h, g) \sigma_{hg}(x) \\
 \Rightarrow & \sigma_h[\sigma_g(\sigma_{hg}^{-1}(\alpha(h, g)))] \alpha(h, g) = \alpha(h, g) \sigma_{hg}(\sigma_{hg}^{-1}(\alpha(h, g))) \\
 \Rightarrow & \sigma_{hg}^{-1}[\alpha(h, g)] = \sigma_g^{-1}[\sigma_h^{-1}(\alpha(h, g))].
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Let  $g, h \in G$ :

$$\alpha(g, g^{-1}) \alpha(e, h) = \sigma_g[\alpha(g^{-1}, h)] \alpha(g, g^{-1}h).$$

□

## 2 Global Dimension

**Theorem 2.1** *Let  $R, S$  be rings with  $R \subseteq S$  such that  $R$  is an  $R$ -bimodule direct summand of  $S$ , then  $\text{r gld} R \leq \text{r gld} S + \text{pd} S_R$ .*

**Proof** See [7], p. 237. □

**Theorem 2.2** *Let  $R$  be a ring,  $G$  a finite group with  $|G|$  a unit in  $R$  and  $A = R \diamond_{\sigma, \alpha} G$  a pre-crystalline graded ring with  $u_g$  units. Let  $M$  be any right  $A$ -module. Then:*

1. *If  $N \triangleleft M_A$  and  $N$  is a direct summand of  $M$  as an  $R$ -module, then  $N$  is a direct summand over  $A$ .*
2.  $\text{pd} M_R = \text{pd} M_A$ .
3.  $\text{r gld} R = \text{r gld} A$ .

**Proof**

1. Let  $\pi : M \rightarrow N$  be the  $R$ -module splitting morphism. Define the map  $\lambda$  by

$$\lambda : M \rightarrow N : m \mapsto |G|^{-1} \sum_{g \in G} \pi(mu_g)u_g^{-1}.$$

$\lambda$  is well-defined : trivial.

$\lambda$  is the identity on  $N$  : let  $k \in N$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(k) &= |G|^{-1} \sum_{g \in G} \pi(ku_g)u_g^{-1} \\ &= |G|^{-1} \sum_{g \in G} k = k. \end{aligned}$$

$\lambda$  is  $A$ -linear : Let  $m \in M, a \in A$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(ma) &= |G|^{-1} \sum_{g \in G} \pi(mau_g)u_g^{-1} \\ &= |G|^{-1} \sum_{g \in G} \pi \left[ m \left( \sum_{h \in G} t_h u_h \right) u_g \right] u_g^{-1} \\ &= |G|^{-1} \sum_{g, h \in G} \pi(m t_h u_h u_g) u_g^{-1} \\ &\stackrel{(\text{Lemma 1.5(2)})}{=} |G|^{-1} \sum_{g, h \in G} \pi(mu_h u_g) u_g^{-1} \sigma_h^{-1}(t_h) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= |G|^{-1} \sum_{g,h \in G} \pi(m\alpha(h,g)u_{hg}) u_g^{-1} \sigma_h^{-1}(t_h) \\
&= |G|^{-1} \sum_{g,h \in G} \pi(mu_{hg}) \sigma_{hg}^{-1}[\alpha(h,g)] u_g^{-1} \sigma_h^{-1}(t_h) \\
&\stackrel{(\text{Lemma 1.5(3)})}{=} |G|^{-1} \sum_{g,h \in G} \pi(mu_{hg}) \sigma_g^{-1}[\sigma_h^{-1}(\alpha(h,g))] u_g^{-1} \sigma_h^{-1}(t_h) \\
&\stackrel{(\text{Lemma 1.5(2)})}{=} |G|^{-1} \sum_{g,h \in G} \pi(mu_{hg}) u_g^{-1} \sigma_h^{-1}[\alpha(h,g)] \sigma_h^{-1}(t_h) \\
&\stackrel{(x=hg)}{=} |G|^{-1} \sum_{h \in G} \sum_{x \in G} \pi(mu_x) u_{h^{-1}x}^{-1} \sigma_h^{-1}[\alpha(h, h^{-1}x)] \sigma_h^{-1}(t_h) \\
&\stackrel{(\text{Lemma 1.5(4)})}{=} |G|^{-1} \sum_{h \in G} \sum_{x \in G} \pi(mu_x) [\alpha^{-1}(h^{-1}, x) u_{h^{-1}x}]^{-1} \cdot \\
&\quad \alpha^{-1}(h^{-1}, x) \sigma_h^{-1}[\alpha(h, h^{-1})] \sigma_h^{-1}(t_h) \\
&= |G|^{-1} \sum_{h \in G} \sum_{x \in G} \pi(mu_x) u_x^{-1} u_{h^{-1}}^{-1} \sigma_h^{-1}[\alpha(h, h^{-1})] \sigma_h^{-1}(t_h) \\
&= |G|^{-1} \sum_{h \in G} \sum_{x \in G} \pi(mu_x) u_x^{-1} u_h \sigma_h^{-1}(t_h) \\
&= |G|^{-1} \sum_{x \in G} \pi(mu_x) u_x^{-1} \sum_{h \in G} t_h u_h \\
&= \lambda(m) \cdot a.
\end{aligned}$$

2. Suppose  $M_R$  is projective and

$$0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow F \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

is a short exact sequence of  $A$ -modules with  $F$  free, then the sequence splits over  $R$  and hence over  $A$  by (1). So  $M_A$  is also projective. Furthermore,  $A_R$  is free. It now follows that an  $A$ -projective resolution of any module  $M_A$  is also an  $R$ -projective resolution that terminates when a kernel is, equally,  $R$ -projective or  $A$ -projective, so  $\text{pd}M_R = \text{pd}M_A$ .

3. Any  $A$ -module is naturally an  $R$ -module. So, since  $\text{pd}M_R = \text{pd}M_A$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{r gld}A &= \sup \{ \text{pd}M_A | M_A \text{ right } A\text{-module} \} \\
&\leq \sup \{ \text{pd}M_R | M_R \text{ right } R\text{-module} \} \\
&= \text{r gld}R.
\end{aligned}$$

So by Theorem 2.1:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{r gld} R &\leq \text{r gld} A + \text{pd} A_R \\ &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \text{r gld} A + \text{pd} A_A \\ &= \text{r gld} A. \end{aligned}$$

And in conclusion  $\text{r gld} R = \text{r gld} A$ .  $\square$

The following result is well-known:

**Lemma 2.3** *Let  $S$  be an Ore set for  $R$  and suppose there is no  $S$ -torsion. Let  $\{s_1, \dots, s_n\} \subset S$ , then  $\exists s \in S \cap \bigcap_{i=1}^n R s_i$ .*

**Proof** By induction. Let us take  $s_1, \exists t_1 \in S^{-1}R$  such that  $t_1 s_1 = 1$ . Then of course we find  $q_1 \in S$  such that  $q_1 t_1 \in R$ . This means that  $q_1 = s t_1 s_1 \in R s_1$ , and  $q_1 \in S$ . Now we try to do the same for the other  $s_i$ . We apply the left Ore condition on  $q_1 \in S \subset R$  and  $s_2 \in S$ . We now find  $v_2 \in R$  and  $q_2 \in S$  such that  $v_2 s_2 = q_2 q_1$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4** *Let  $A = R \underset{\sigma, \alpha}{\diamond} G$  be crystalline graded, then the set of regular elements in  $R$ ,  $\text{reg} R$ , is a subset of  $\text{reg} A$ , the regular elements of  $A$ . Furthermore, if  $R$  is semiprime Goldie,  $\text{reg} R$  is a left (and right) Ore set in  $A$ . We have*

$$(\text{reg} R)^{-1} A = \bigoplus_{g \in G} Q_{\text{cl}}(R) u_g.$$

**Proof**

For the first part, take  $a \in \text{reg} R$ ,  $x = \sum_{g \in G} x_g u_g$  and suppose  $ax = 0$ , then  $\sum_{g \in G} a x_g u_g = 0$ . This implies  $a x_g = 0 \ \forall g \in G$ , and this means  $x_g, \forall g \in G$ . Suppose  $xa = 0$ , then  $\sum_{g \in G} x_g u_g a = 0$ . This implies  $x_g \sigma_g(a) u_g = 0$ , or  $x_g \sigma_g(a) = 0, \forall g \in G$ . Since  $\text{reg} R$  is invariant under  $\sigma_g, \forall g \in G$ , we again find  $x_g = 0, \forall g \in G$ . So we have proven  $\text{reg} R \subset \text{reg} A$ .

By Goldie's Theorem, we know that  $\text{reg} R$  is an Ore set in  $R$ . We first need to prove that  $S = \text{reg} R$  satisfies the left Ore condition for  $A$ . We need that  $\forall r \in R, s \in S$  we can find  $r' \in R, s' \in S$  such that  $s' r = r' s$ . Let  $r = \sum_{g \in G} a_g u_g$ . Since  $S$  is left Ore for  $R$ , we can find  $\forall g \in G$  elements  $a'_g \in R$  and  $s_g \in S$  such that  $a'_g \sigma_g(s) = s_g a_g$ . Now, we find  $s' \in S \cap \bigcap_{g \in G} R s_g$  from Lemma 2.3, in other words, we find  $s' \in S$  and  $v_g \in R$  such that  $\forall g \in G \ s' = v_g s_g$ . Now set  $\forall g \in G, b_g = v_g a'_g$ , and set  $r' = \sum_{g \in G} b_g u_g$ . Then  $r' s = s' r$ . The right Ore condition is similar. The third assertion is now clear.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5** *Let  $A$  be crystalline graded over  $R$ ,  $R$  a semiprime Goldie ring. Assume  $\text{char}R$  does not divide  $|G|$ , then  $A$  is semiprime Goldie.*

**Proof** Since  $A$  is crystalline graded, the elements  $\alpha(g, h), g, h \in G$  are regular elements. Denote  $S = \text{reg}R$ . Since  $R$  is semiprime Goldie,  $S^{-1}R$  is semisimple Artinian. This implies that from Theorem 2.2,  $S^{-1}A$  is semisimple Artinian, in particular, it is Noetherian. Let  $I$  be an ideal in  $A$ , and consider  $(S^{-1}A)I$ . Claim: this is an ideal. Let  $s \in S$  and consider the following chain:

$$(S^{-1}A)I \subset (S^{-1}A)Is^{-1} \subset (S^{-1}A)Is^{-2} \subset \dots$$

This implies that  $(S^{-1}A)Is^{-n} = (S^{-1}A)Is^{-m}$ ,  $m > n$ , and so  $(S^{-1}A)I = (S^{-1}A)Is^{-m}$ , and so we find  $(S^{-1}A)I(S^{-1}A) \subset (S^{-1}A)I$ , or  $(S^{-1}A)I$  is an ideal in  $S^{-1}A$ . If  $J$  is the nilradical of  $A$  then  $(S^{-1} \cdot J)^n = S^{-1} \cdot J^n$  follows. For some  $n$  we have that  $(S^{-1} \cdot J)^n = 0$  in the semisimple Artinian ring  $S^{-1}A$ , thus  $S^{-1}A \cdot J = 0$  and  $J = 0$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.6** *If  $A$  is crystalline graded with  $D$  a Dedekind domain,  $\text{char}D$  does not divide  $|G|$ , then  $A$  is semiprime.*

**Proposition 2.7** *In the situation of Theorem 2.5, prime ideals of  $S^{-1}A$  intersect in prime ideals of  $A$ , where  $S = \text{reg}R$ .*

**Proof** Let  $P$  be a prime of  $S^{-1}A$ , then  $P \cap Q$  is an ideal such that for  $IJ \subset P \cap A$ ,  $I$  and  $J$  ideals of  $A$ , we have  $S^{-1}A \cdot IJ \subset P$  hence  $(S^{-1}A \cdot I)(S^{-1}A \cdot J) \subset P$ , or  $S^{-1}A \cdot I \in P$  if  $S^{-1}A \cdot J \not\subset P$ . Thus  $I \subset P \cap A$  if  $J \not\subset P \cap A$  and conversely.  $\square$

**Remark 2.8** *The situation of Theorem 2.5 arises when  $A$  is centrally crystalline graded over the semiprime Goldie ring  $R$  with  $\text{char}R$  does not divide  $|G|$ , such that  $A$  (or  $R$ ) is a P.I. ring.*

### 3 Krull Dimension

**Proposition 3.1** *Let  $A$  be crystalline graded over  $D$ ,  $D$  a Dedekind domain. Then the (Krull-)dimension of  $A$  is smaller than or equal to 2.*

**Proof** Consider the set  $F = \{I \triangleleft A \mid I \cap D = 0\}$  ordered by inclusion. If it is nonempty, then there is a maximal element for this family, say  $P$ . Suppose  $IJ \subset P$ , with  $P \not\subset P + I$ ,  $P \not\subset P + J$ . Then  $0 \neq d_1 \in P + I \cap D$  and

$0 \neq d_2 \in P + J \cap D$ . This implies  $0 \neq d_1 d_2 \in P$ , contradiction. So if  $F \neq \emptyset$ , there always exists a prime ideal  $P$  in  $A$  with  $P \cap D = 0$ .

Denote  $S = D \setminus \{0\}$ . Suppose that  $0 \neq Q \subset P$ ,  $Q$  a prime ideal in  $A$ . Then, since  $S^{-1}A$  is Artinian semisimple (Theorem 2.2), we find that  $S^{-1}Q = S^{-1}P$  since they are both primes ( $Q \cap D \neq 0 \neq P \cap D$ ). Now let  $y \in P \setminus Q$ . Then  $y \in S^{-1}P = S^{-1}Q$ . This means  $\exists d \in S$  such that  $dy \in Q$ . So if we set  $d' = \prod_{g \in G} \sigma_g(d)$  then  $d'y \in Q$ . Since  $d' \in Z(A)$  we find  $d'Ay \subset Q$  and since  $y \notin Q$  we see that  $d' \in Q$  or  $Q \cap D \neq 0$ . Contradiction. We have established that two prime ideals that don't intersect  $D$  cannot contain each other.

Suppose there exists a prime ideal  $M$  of  $A$  with  $M \cap D \neq 0$ . This means  $A/M$  is Artinian, and prime, in other words it is a simple ring, or  $M$  is a maximal ideal. We find that a maximal chain of prime ideals always is of the form

$$0 \subset P \subset M \subset A,$$

where  $P \cap D = 0$  and  $Q \cap D \neq 0$ . □

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